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1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

2. MUSIC: THEME

3. ANNOUNCER: THROUGH A LITTLE GOOD TURN BY Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers,

4. trees from our great National Forests in Alaska may soon be

5. growing on the bare snow-swept hills of Iceland. Recently,

6. The regional office of the United States Forest Service in

7. Juneau, Alaska, sent to the government of Iceland fifty-five

8. pounds of tree seeds - fifty pounds of Sitka spruce seeds and

9. five pounds of white birch--- For a thousand years the

10. sturdy little democracy of Iceland hasn't had enough wood

11. even for fuel. Lumber and the many other timber articles so

12. important to comfortable living in any country have to be

13. brought in at high cost. So, while Iceland today serves as

14. an important out-post in the present defense against aggression

15. we hope that this little gift from America's foresters will

16. flourish mightily in Iceland and add to the comforts and

17. economic welfare of its people in years to come.

18. Now it's time for another visit to the Pine Cone National

19. Forest. Ranger Jim Robbins, his wife, Bess, and his assistant,

20. Jerry are at the Ranger Station waiting for Jerry's sweetheart,

21. Mary Halloway, who is coming to have supper with them. Here

22. they are -----

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1. JERRY: I wish Mary would hurry up and get here. I'm hungry as a
2. bear.
3. JIM: Hungry as a bear, huh? That's nothing new, is it, Jerry?....
4. Say, Bess, what's that letter you're reading?
5. BESS: It's from Edith Thorne, Jim, Remember her?
6. JIM: Yeah, I sure do. How's she making out?
7. BESS: Fairly well, I guess. She runs a florist shop in Elk City,
8. you know!..... It seems she has a particular problem right
9. now, though. Here, let me read part of her letter to you.
10. Do you mind, Jerry?
11. JERRY: Me? No, not at all. Go ahead, Mrs. Robbins.
12. BESS: Let's see. She says....(READING) "I always like to write
13. to you at Christmas time, remembering as I do the happy days
14. we used to spend together." (STRAIGHT) No, here's what I
15. want to read.....She says, (READING) "I don't know how I'll
16. manage for Christmas decorations to sell at the shop this year.
17. Christmas is usually one of our best seasons but now,
18. conditions being what they are, the imported ornaments we've
19. always depended upon are so scarce, I don't know what I shall
20. do.....
21. JIM: H-m-m. Seems like this oughta be the time to get back to the
22. old-fashioned decorations. Even if they were home-made, they
23. sure were pretty.
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1. BESS: Yes, I remember, Jim. We all used to go out into the forest and
2. make up the liveliest wreaths and all. Edith mentions them in
3. her letter and says that even those kind would bring a good price
4. this season.
5. JERRY: Say, where's Mary, any way? Fine thing. Keepin' us waitin' like
6. this.
7. BESS: You mustn't be impatient, Jerry. Mary had a meeting with her
8. Camp Fire Girls this Afternoon.
9. JERRY: Oh. I didn't know that.
10. JIM: I believe that's Mary comin' now.
11. DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES
12. MARY: (DEJECTED) Hello, everybody.
13. ALL: Hello, Mary.
14. JERRY: And how's the guardian of the Ta-wa-ten-ya gals? That's right,
15. isn't it, Mary? Ta-wa-ten-ya?
16. MARY: Yes, that's right, Jerry. That's the name of our little group.
17. JIM: Well, what was it today, Mary? Home craft or hand craft or health
18. craft or.....or.....?
19. MARY: (LAUGHS) You certainly know our crafts, don't you? (SERIOUS)
20. It was citizenship today, though, Mr. Robbins.
21. BESS: What's the matter, Mary? Didn't things go well?
22. MARY: Not very, Mrs. Robbins. But I don't want to trouble you with the
23. problems of my girls.
24. JIM: What d'ya mean, trouble? Go ahead, Mary. Tell us what's wrong.

1. MARY: Well...you know, our Ta-wa-ten-ya girls here always distribute
 2. Good Cheer baskets to the needy at Christmas time. And we plan
 3. to do the same thing this year but.....well, the way things are,
 4. I'm afraid any baskets we give this time will be pretty slim.
 5. BESS: Oh, that's too bad. Maybe we can.....
 6. JIM: Sure, Mary. Maybe we can help out in a thing like that.
 7. JERRY: Count me in, too.
 8. MARY: You're all very kind but.....no.....the girls don't do things
 9. that way....You know, in the meeting today, Little Eve Talbot
 10. was so sweet. She's the smallest youngster in the group, and
 11. stood up straight and tall as she could and said, "Girls, we have
 12. an obligation to perform. We shall earn the money to buy the
 13. things we need for our baskets." I wish you could have heard her
 14. but, well, time's so short and I don't see what the girls can
 15. earn enough to.....
 16. JIM: Say, hold on there, Mary....Bess, you think Edith Thorne would
 17. buy some Christmas decorations if the Camp Fire Girls made 'em?
 18. BESS: I'm sure she would, Jim. That's a splendid idea...But what could
 19. the girls make?
 20. JIM: Oh, any number of things. Remember, we were just talking about
 21. those old-fashioned Christmas decorations we used to make?
 22. BESS: I know, Jim. They could make little Yule logs. That's it,
 23. Yule logs.
 24. JIM: Yule logs? Ha-m-m. I don't seem to to recollect....
 25. BESS: Why, Jim Robbins. You helped me make them hundreds of times. Those
 little logs we used for table and window pieces.

1. JIM: Say, by George, that's right, Bess. With the little red candies
2. in 'em.
3. JERRY: Suppose you let Mary and me in on this.
4. JIM: Don't know whether you've ever seen 'em, Jerry, but these Yule
5. logs Bess's talkin' about, they're about as pretty a Xmas
6. decoration as you ever saw.
7. MARY: Could the girls make these Yule logs, Mr. Robbins?
8. JIM: 'Course they could. And earn some money doin' it, too....To-
9. morrow's Saturday, Mary. You think you could get the girls to
10. go out into the woods with us in the afternoon, after Jerry and
11. me finish up our work?
12. MARY: They'd love it.
13. BESS: I'm going, too.
14. MARY: Oh, this is wonderful! The girls will be thrilled, I know.
15. They'll be doing something very worthwhile, and our Christmas
16. baskets this year will be all right after all....I can hardly
17. wait'til tomorrow.
18. JERRY: Yeah? Maybe so, But if we don't start eatin' supper pretty
19. soon, I won't be with you tomorrow. I never saw such a bunch.
20. ALL LAUGH OUT
21. MUSICAL INTERLUDE
22. FADE IN OUTDOOR - CROWD NOISES, LAUGHING, ETC. SUSTAIN
23. JIM: All right, all right, everybody. (CROWD NOISE SUBSIDES) All
24. right, suppose you all make a circle around me, here.
25. JERRY: (FALSETTO) I'm here, teacher.
- MARY: Jerry! Hush!

3. JIM: Looks like there's always one bad boy in the crowd, girls!

5. (ALL LAUGH).....Well, I see you've collected a lot of stuff

7. already. Before we get to the business of making our Yule logs

9. I want to say a few words.

11. JERRY: Speech! Speech!

13. MARY: If you don't stop, Jerry Quick....I'll.....

15. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Let him alone, Mary. He doesn't bother me...

17. Well, kids, I just wanted to point out a few things. This place

19. we picked out to get our little logs and sprigs and things is

21. what we call a timber sale area here on the National Forest. We

23. sold some pulpwood off this area a short time ago. Anybody got

25. any idea why we came to this particular place?

27. EVE: (GIRL'S VOICE) (OFF) I know, Ranger Robbins....There's enough

29. material we can use right here without cutting anything that's

31. growing, or hurting the forest.

33. JIM: Good girl! That's it exactly. Too many folks get careless in

35. cutting Christmas greens. They're usually so anxious to get

37. decorations for the Christmas at hand they sorta forget there'll

39. be more Christmasses to come. Then there're some folks that go

41. into a farmer's woods and the like, without getting permission

43. from the owner. mind you, and they hack away at trees and dig up

45. bushes and destroy stuff the farmer or owner has tried to protect

47. for a long time. I don't think any of you girls would do that,

49. but it's worth passin' on to other folks, what I've been tellin'

51. you.

1. MARY: You can depend on our girls to do that, Mr. Robbins.
2. JIM: Fine....And now, let's get started on the Yule logs. Jerry,
3. you've got the tools, haven't you? Hammer and small nails, and
4. the brace and bit?
5. JERRY: Got 'em all right here, Jim.
6. JIM: Good. Now, Bess, will you give me a hand here?
7. BESS: Of course, Jim.
8. JIM: And Mary, I want you to pick one of your girls to help me here,
9. too. The others can look on and see what we do.
10. MARY: I think it would be nice to have the little girl who first
11. suggested earning the money to buy food for our baskets, Mr.
12. Robbins. All right, Eve. Eve. Talbot, come over here.
13. EVE: (COMING ON) Oh, thank you, Miss Halloway.
14. JIM: That's fine.....Well, we're all ready to get goin' then....Eve,
15. hand me one of those little aspen logs we cut from the tops of the
16. trees the loggers left on the ground....Thanks. See, everybody!
17. We sawed this little log about a foot long. That's a nice handy
18. size to handle. This'll be the base of our Yule log. Now,
19. Jerry, you bore a hole on each side of the top of this log. About
20. an inch in from each end. That's right.
21. JERRY: Okay, Jim.
22. SOUND OF DRILLING
23. JIM: Who's got the little red candles?
24. EVE: I have them, Ranger Robbins, Right here.
25. JIM: Fine. Just hold 'em, Eve, 'till we're ready to put 'em in the
- holes. Let's see now. I want those twigs I told you to get.
- Two of 'em, about an inch thick and four inches long.

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1. BESS: Here they are, Jim.
2. JIM: These twigs are what the little log's goin' to rest on. Now
3. we've got to hollow out the top of the twigs a bit so's they'll
4. fit the bottom of the log. I'll use my knife. (WHITTling) There
5. and now.....
6. JERRY: Here's the first log, Jim, with the holes all bored for the
7. candles.
8. JIM: Right. Now hand me a hammer and some of those finishing nails
9. brads. See, girls? I'm goin' to tack these twigs on the bottom
10. side of the log, about an inch in from the ends. That puts 'em
11. about under the candle holes. (SOUND OF DRIVING TACKS) Now the
12. other one. (TACKING) There.
13. EVE: That's very pretty, Ranger Robbins.
14. JIM: You haven't seen anything yet, little girl....All right, I'm wantin'
15. for the spruce sprays. You can use any kind of everygreen sprigs
16. for this.....See? Just tack on a couple sprigs with these same
17. nails, right on top of the log 'tween the holes. (HAMMERING)
18. All right now. Somebody hand me the kinnikinnik with the red
19. berries.
20. MARY: Here you are, Mr. Robbins. Joyce collected these.
21. BESS: They're lovely, Jim.
22. JIM: Yeah....I'm goin' to tack these on top and in between the every
23. sprays. (HAMMERING) Some folks can use holly sprigs and holly
24. berries instead of kinnikinnik if they're handier.....There, that
25. does it.
- EVE: You want the red candles now, Ranger Robbins?

1. JIM: That's right, Eve, Two of 'em. Fine....Now I'll just stick the
2. candles in the holes on top of the log and there....you....are....
3. As pretty a little Yule log as anybody ever saw, if I do say so
4. myself.
5. EXCLAMATIONS OF DELIGHT, ETC.
6. EVE: That's the prettiest Christmas decoration in the whole world,
7. Ranger Robbins.
8. JIM: (LAUGHS) I'm glad you think so, Eve. Well, we oughtn't to waste
9. time, now. you've all seen how it's done. First the little log,
10. then the two holes on top, then the bottom twig rests, and then you
11. tack the greens and berries on top and then you put in the two
12. candles.....Suppose we all get busy, now.
13. BESS: Listen, folks. I called my friend, Mrs. Thorne, on the telephone
14. last night and she said she could use as many of these Yule logs
15. as you girls can supply her with.
16. JERRY: And Miss Holloway and I will drive to Elk City and deliver them
17. when they're finished.
18. EVE: (PROUDLY) We'll make a hundred Yule logs. I bet we can.
19. MARY: That's a real ambitious goal, Eve but we can try.....And girls,
20. before we really get started I think it would be nice if we let
21. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins and Jerry know how much we appreciate their
22. help. They've been very kind, I think, and, because of their
23. Kindness, we're going to be able to provide a number of needy
24. families with good cheer on Christmas Day.....
25. APPLAUSE

EVE: Miss Holloway?

1. MARY: Yes, Eve?
2. EVE: Miss Halloway, I've been thinking. Coming out here into the
3. forest today like we have and all, well, it just seems that
4. we've sorta really lived up to everything we're s'posed to today.
5. and I wonder.....I wonder if....
6. MARY: Go on, Eve.
7. EVE: Well, I'd like to recite the law of the Camp Fire Girls for
8. Ranger Robbins and Mrs. Robbins and Mr. Quick, if, that is, if you
9. say I may?
10. MARY: I think that would be lovely, Eve.
11. EVE: Well....(RECITING SLOWLY) The law of the Camp Fire Girls....
12. Seek beauty....Give service...Pursue knowledge...Be Trustworthy.
13. Hold on to Health.....Glorify Work....Be Happy.....There!
14. JIM: Thank you, Eve. I don't know anything you could have said that
15. please us more. And that last rule of yours.....Be happy....
16. Seems to me, us folks in America have more to be happy about this
17. Christmas than anybody else in the (FADE) Whole world.....
18. MUSICAL FINALE
19. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each Friday on the
20. National Farm & Home Hour as a presentation of the National
21. Broadcasting Company with the cooperation of the Forest Service,
22. United States Department of Agriculture
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